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**PATENT**

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**Applicant(s) : Stanley L. Mills and Jacqueline L. Mills**  
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**Title : METAL-CHELATED NUCLEIC ACID BINDING  
PEPTIDES FOR IN VIVO DETECTION AND  
THERAPY OF DISEASE**

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**Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the restriction made in the official action mailed October 3, 2003. Applicants hereby elect claims 1-2, 6-7, 21 and 25-29 of Group I. The election is made without traverse.

**Listing of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.